that state of affairs, schools should be opened amidst them wherever necessary and those among them who were qualified should be appointed as teachers in such schools.

2. Araya boys should be exempted from payment of fees in all Government and aided schools.

3. Night schools should be opened for the labouring classes among them.

4. Institutes should be established to instruct them in Weaving for which they had a natural taste.

5. Araya boys should be given pecuniary help to enable them to prosecute their studies in English schools.

6. A Special Officer should be appointed to organise Co-operative societies among them and to aid their growth by inspection and advice.

7. One Member at least should be nominated by Government from the Araya community to the Assembly every year.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

149. Disabilities of converts to Christianity from depressed classes and suggestions for removing them.

Mr. Abraham Issac (Member, Nominated) submitted that, owing to the petty persecutions to which they were subjected at the hands of the higher castes, most of the boys of his community were unable to put in the minimum attendance in schools as required by the Education Code and that on that account the names of their boys were being removed from the Attendance Register. He, therefore, prayed that the matter might be enquired into and the grievance redressed. Coming to Vernacular education, he requested that the number of scholarships awarded to the boys of his community might be increased, that the half-fee concession granted in respect of class fees be extended to examination fees also, and that those of them who wished to continue their studies after passing the School Leaving Examination should be given remission of full fees and also pecuniary help to buy books.

In regard to English education, his requests were that boys of his community should be freely admitted to all Secondary schools and that those who were already reading in such schools should be given adequate encouragement.

He next prayed that admission be freely given to their girls in all Girls' schools, where they should be given training in cottage industries along with literary instruction. Some of them who showed special aptitude should also be trained as Hospital nurses.

A grant should be allowed in aid of the Technical School at Kuthrapalli in Changanacherry taluk. It was necessary to open similar Technical schools in each taluk, in the interests of the community, at the places pointed out by them. Deserving young men from the community should be given foreign scholarships and then entertained with a view to start new industries. A suitable place for opening a Technical School of the kind was the one comprised in survey No. 1/77 in the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi*, Peermade taluk. A Satrom and a tank were also required at the place for the convenience of the labourers going to Mundakayam, Peermade, &c.

In order to provide the qualified young men of the community with appointments, it was necessary that strict orders should be issued to all Heads of Departments, to give them preference over other communities, qualifications being equal.

As the community had no lands of their own, he prayed that the following areas might be granted to them for cultivation, and that they might be provided with funds to cultivate them, through the Co-operative societies.

1. An area of about 19 acres called Kuttenchirachal, comprised in survey No. 649/1 in the Vadayar *pakuthi*, Vaikom taluk.

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2. An extent of 14 acres 69 cents called Ennakachira, comprised in survey No. 155/1 in the Kurichi Muri, Manchadikara *pakuthi*, Changanacherry taluk. Similar areas were also available in the Vechur *pakuthi*, Vaikom taluk, in Thuruthinmel, Ettumanur taluk, and in Thottapalli and Karumadi in Ambalapuzha taluk. Some of the lands were nominally kept as grazing grounds but there were very few cows grazing on them. The Member prayed that the major portion of those lands might be given to his community for cultivation with the exception of such areas as were absolutely required for the purpose of grazing.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 6-35 P. M.

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